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Application for the Youth Ambassadors Program 2014 - Mentors

Partners of the Americas, through a program funded by the United States Department of State, is looking for adult mentor applicants currently living in **Colombia** to participate in the Youth Ambassadors Program to Colombia. This program develops a sense of civic responsibility and commitment to community among participants, builds leadership capacity, and fosters relationships among participants from different ethnic, religious and national groups. As a Mentor, you will assume the important responsibility of accompanying and guiding youth through their experience and be an active participant before, during and after the exchange. Selected mentors will travel to Washington, DC and Paraguay for about three weeks during October **2014**. As a Mentor, you will have the opportunity to:

- Guide and help youth reflect on the similarities and differences between US and their host country;
- Engage and advise youth through project development and support their leadership skills development;
- Guide the youth in implementing a service project after their exchange;
- Develop personal and professional learning goals to enhance your professional development;
- Meet with local organizations and professionals to build contacts and share experiences;
- Offer innovative ideas to help strengthen the objectives of the program.

Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to participate:

1. Be a teacher or community leader who has ample experience working with youth;
2. Demonstrate ability to be a positive role model and to assist youth from diverse backgrounds to become productive members of society;
3. Experience traveling abroad and interacting with people from different countries/cultures;
4. Be able to read write and verbally communicate in English professionally;

Applications of eligible candidates will be reviewed and finalists will be contacted by Partners staff for a video interview. **Applications must be submitted electronically by**

Partners of the Americas, with US State Department funding, will pay all expenses related to participation in the program including domestic and international flights, meals, accident and sickness protection, required vaccinations, some spending money, and lodging.

Complete the following application and submit the required materials listed below through our online system or by scanning and emailing them to jovenesembajadores2014@gmail.com

1. A copy of your completed application form (through our online system or email/mail);
2. Form of identification that verifies U.S. citizenship (i.e. birth certificate, US passport, etc.);
3. A copy of your CV;
4. Two letters of recommendation from a school administrator, NGO director, or any superior.

Send questions to jovenesembajadores2014@gmail.com to Carolina Cabezas or Jorge Fabian Gonzalez



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Personal Information:

Complete Name (as appears on legal documentation):

Gender: _____

Date of birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

City and country of birth: _____

Colombian Identification : _____

Complete home address

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Previous travels abroad:

• To USA No ___ Yes ___ Where/When? _____

• To other countries: No ___ Yes ___ Where/When? _____

Do you have a current Colombian passport? No ___ Yes ___ If so, include your passport #: _____

and your passport's expiration date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Do you have a current
American Visa No ___
YES ___

(PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK)

How long have studied or spoken English? _____

Please describe your current job and how participating as a Mentor may help with your professional development.



Describe any projects/volunteer work you are engaged in. Please include the amount of time you have been involved in each activity and briefly state why it interests you.

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Why are you interested in participating as a Mentor? What can you offer youth participants throughout the experience?

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[illegible]

What do you hope to achieve through your participation in the program?

[illegible]

In your opinion, what role do youth have in improving the United States?

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Being a mentor is also a professional development opportunity to learn more about areas of interest in the host country. Please list any issues or themes you would like to explore if you were to be selected as a mentor.

Program Involvement and Small Projects

In addition to the exchange component of the program, you will be given the opportunity to work with the youth as they create and implement a community service project after the exchange that builds on what they have learned and their role as a volunteer.

As a Mentor, you will be required to work together with the Youth Ambassadors Coordinators, Partners chapter members and other local organizations to engage youth and guide them through all phases of the program, including orientation meetings, follow-on activities and project implementation. You will also be expected to follow up on your professional learning goals and to develop a peer education plan to share your experience with others in your community. By signing below, you confirm that you will commit to actively working with the American Youth Leaders and program staff following your exchange.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Youth Ambassadors Program 2014

Mentor Biographical Information Sheet

Full Name		<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Insert a recent and clear color photo here! </div>
Age		
Gender		
Hometown (current)		
Proudest Achievement(s):		
Profession		
Goals and Dreams		
Volunteer activities		
Tell us about your hobbies and interests.		
Why do you want to be a Mentor?		

* **For selected mentors**, information from this form will be sent to your host family in Columbia S.C or Florida USA to the US Department of State and other organizations.